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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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APRIL 13, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BENJAMIN made the following

**R E P O R T .**

[To accompany Bill S. 259.]

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Agnes Slack and the heirs of M. Repentigny, praying confirmation of title to certain lands, report :*

That on examination of the titles filed by the memorialists, your committee is satisfied of the authenticity of the titles and of their legal validity. They form a complete chain emanating directly from the king, and your committee would feel no hesitation in recommending the confirmation, but for the fact of a former adverse report from a committee of the Senate. The extent of land claimed is large, adverse rights have grown up, and certain questions which the committee would be disposed to decide in favor of the memorialists are determined adversely to their pretensions in the former report alluded to.

Under the circumstances the committee believe that justice would be done by allowing the memorialists to assert their title in an action at law or in equity against the government, and they respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying bill for that purpose.

The memorialists having expressed a willingness to take other lands in the place of those now in possession of adverse claimants, the committee also report a provision by which, in the event of the success of the memorialists in their suit against the government, parties in possession shall be protected, and the memorialists authorized to enter other lands in the place of those now held by third persons.

